

City of Renton

Board of Park Commissioners



Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2009

4:30 p.m.—City Hall – 7th floor Conferencing Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

Al Dieckman, Chair, called the December 8, 2009, meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. The following were

In Attendance

Members: Tim Searing, Cynthia Burns, Ron Regis, Al Dieckman,
Larry Reymann, Troy Wigestrang

Staff: Terry Higashiyama, Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Jerry Rerecich, Kelly
Beymer, Karen Bergsvik, Elizabeth Stewart, Bonnie Rerecich, Dianne Utecht

Guests: Michelle Dieckman, Mrs. Reymann, Linda Smith, Alicia Glenwell

Absent

Mike O'Donin

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor, motion carried, the December 2009 agenda was approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cynthia Burns made a motion to approve the November minutes as written, Larry Reymann seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried, the November 2009 minutes were approved.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Terry Higashiyama welcomed Linda Smith, Human Services Advisory Committee Member, who was in attendance. Al Dieckman, Chair, asked everyone to introduce themselves.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Liz Stewart, Museum Supervisor, gave an overview of the Museum Master Plan. She

explained how we began this process in late July by selecting Gyroscope as the consultant to oversee the plan. We hope this plan will take us 15 years into the future. Liz encouraged those present to share their thoughts and any ideas were welcome. There was discussion detailing issues facing the organization. The team has had extensive discussions with stakeholders and staff, held community interviews, researched background and initiatives as well as reviewing prior studies. The Renton History Museum is a center for important elements of local and regional history and serves as a local resource and supports intergenerational learning.


Key strategies for the future such as: target new constituencies, share control accumulate legacy, partner for what you need, flexible infrastructure and experiment with history making were introduced.

The first strategy would be to experiment with history-making by utilizing artistic interpretation, non-traditional perspective, unusual topics, new techniques, new audiences and citizen history. It was identified we need to bring old and new audiences together and broaden the funding base.

Liz noted the success of the traveling Smithsonian exhibit we hosted last year and how we will investigate additional 'traveling' exhibits in the future. We also need to encourage the younger visitors, the 3rd grade school tours don't come through any longer. Liz said the staff will look at how to create more energy and tie into the downtown as well as Veterans Memorial Park. Now the biggest challenge is funding and the need to make changes to the building. Terry invited everyone to walk around the building following adjournment of the meeting and enjoy the exhibits.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Tim Searing made a motion seconded by Larry Reymann to adjourn the December meeting. All were in favor, motion carried, the December 2009 meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
January 12, 2009 @ 4:30 P.M.
City Hall 7th Floor
Conferencing Center